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'I inherited a mess,' says Mayor Jeffrey of "dysfunctional" Brampton council

by **Marco Patrone**

Brampton incumbent Mayor Linda Jeffrey (centre-left) speaks to a group of local MPs, including Minister of National Defense Harjit Sajjan, during a meeting on Aug. 28, 2018. In an interview with Peel Weekly News, Jeffrey says she inherited a "dysfunctional" City Hall and a council "mired in lawsuits". (Submitted Photo)

Linda Jeffrey says she's not to blame for a "dysfunctional" Brampton council, given it was in that state when she took over as mayor in 2014.

"Four years ago, I inherited a City Hall that was dysfunctional and a Council mired in lawsuits. I made it my priority to introduce accountability, openness and transparency," she told Peel Weekly News.

The Mayor pushed back against rival candidate John Sprovieri, who said the last four years have been fractious and counter-productive under Jeffrey's leadership.

"After four years, nothing really has changed in Brampton," Sprovieri said. "Our mayor was not able to jell the council together because of her views on a number of issues that were very controversial and the majority of council not agreeable to. That created a lot of stress and disagreements and bickering and not a lot got achieved."

Jeffrey defended her record, saying she worked hard to clean up the mess left over by her predecessor.

"I took immediate action to reduce the number of top level bureaucrats, slash the salary of the Mayor by $50,000 each year, brought in the Auditor General to examine the state of our financial situation and much more. I committed in my last election campaign to disrupt the status quo and I am proud to have delivered on that promise."

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"Bloody important election" for waterfront, says Ward One candidate

by **Marco Patrone**

A Mississauga council candidate for Ward One says the fate of waterfront development rests on October's municipal election.

"Ward one, there's a heck of a lot of activity going on in our ward. That's why I say it's bloody important," Stephen Dasko told Peel Weekly News. He's hoping to be the first elected councillor for Ward One since Jim Tovey died last January.

"Since Jim passed, all I've been hearing is that people are getting more and more worried about what's going on, on the waterfront. The fear of that the plans we initially had had for the OPG (Ontario Power Generation) site, and the vision we had for the OPG site might be tarnished and not followed through the way we wanted it to."

Dasko says a particular concern is the Inspiration Lakeview development, where "there was some potential changes being talked about in February after Jim's passing, and just the talk I hear out there. There's concerns from other people too, to make sure we keep our access to the waterfront as we develop."

If the 'right' person doesn't get elected in October, Dasko says projects could end up falling by the wayside for lack of leadership and 'vision.' "That's my fear. That's my real fear," he said.

"The plan was there. That's for some to see and some to lean on even though I don't think they fully appreciate it. The vision is the other part of it. Myself and others that were part of team Tovey that are now part of team Dasko, we all have that collective vision and that's what I feel protective about because I put nine years of my life helping that vision come along."

There are eight candidates vying for the vacant Ward One seat, including former MP Brad Butt, who says it's no secret the waterfront development issue is critical.

"I don't think there is any candidate running for Ward 1 that doesn't think we implement the waterfront vision of Jim Tovey, the community and approved plans of Mississauga City Council."

"Now moving forward the issue is who is the best candidate that understands the development process and has the working relationship with the Mayor and Members of Council to see this realized. I am running in Ward 1 because I have this experience and commitment to hit the ground running on day 1.""I don't think there is any candidate running for Ward 1 that doesn't think we implement the waterfront vision of Jim Tovey, the community and approved plans of Mississauga City Council," Butt said.

Others have been vocal in their concerns about the future of Mississauga's waterfront development.

Community advocate Don McVie told Peel Weekly News Tovey's death left a leadership vacuum that could set back plans to redevelop the former 72-acre Imperial Oil site.

"The unfortunate timing of Jim's passing, in a way, couldn't have been worse because cities don't get very much done in election years," McVie said. "If decisions aren't resolved about entitlements, how you're proceeding, and approval of master plans, if they go into summer and they're unresolved, you come into fall with an imminent election. That could cost a year."

Before his sudden death at age 68, Tovey assured the community that West Village would not become a 'concrete jungle,' with skyscrapers blocking residents' view of the lake.

The plan was that only six buildings will be 15 storeys or higher, with one reaching as high as 26-storeys. The plan is for 5,000 people to live within the new development and 1,000 retail and service jobs will be generated.

Concerning the Inspiration Lakeview development, Dasko says "there was some potential changes being talked about, in February after Jim's passing and just the talk I hear out there. There's concerns from other people too, to make sure we keep our access to the waterfront as we develop."

"A lot of our bylaws need overhauling because this stuff is quite old. There's so much change going on in our existing neighborhoods that we really need to get things right moving forward," he said.

Dasko describes the prospect of following in Tovey's footsteps as "humbling."

"Jim and I were friends. He ran and myself and two other people had this shared vision of what we envisioned for the ward and his way in terms of the approach, taking a collaborative approach, engaging the community."

"We realized were in an existing community that from end to the other is fairly mature from one end to the other and is going through some unique and interesting times," he said.

Steve Dasko (left) speaks with vendors during the Port Credit Farmers' Market earlier this summer. (PWN Staff Photo)

Jeffrey pushes back against mayoral rivals

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She also pushed against suggestions by both Sprovieri and mayoralty candidate Patrick Brown, the university funding the city got fell well short of expectations.

"When I ran to become Mayor in the last election, bringing a university to Brampton was one of my top priorities that voters asked me to focus my efforts on. It is something that Councillor Sprovieri and previous Councils failed to achieve in previous terms. I am proud that we will soon have a world-class university geared to the jobs of the future while Councillor Sprovieri would prefer jobs of the past," Jeffrey said.

Sprovieri called the university deal "lousy."

"First of all, it's a mediocre university on a lousy location. Having that kind of contact with the premier and province at the time, we should've done better." He told Peel Weekly News.

In a written statement, Brown said Brampton got the short end of the stick as far as provincial funding goes.

"Our hospitals are the most underfunded and overcrowded in the province. We are relegated to a potential satellite campus instead of a full university. Scarborough is getting provincial and federal funding for a brand new subway route and yet Brampton transit has been forgotten," Brown said.

Jeffrey says comparing Brampton to what other jurisdictions got for transit shows her political rivals don't understand the issues.

"As Mayor I was able to persuade the Ontario government to invest 100% of the capital costs for the Hurontario-Main LRT. It was an extraordinary opportunity that Councillor Sprovieri immediately opposed. His complete lack of understanding of transit issues coupled with his disingenuous effort to compare other cities transit situations to Brampton's demonstrates why he's failed to deliver any tangible results on any major file over his three decades in Brampton."

She ripped Sprovieri's record as one in which he "has spent over a quarter of a century on Brampton Council with little to show with the exception of a censure for disrespect. Someone who had to grudging deliver a public apology for his reckless use of City resources in our Council meeting is in no position to lead our City."

The municipal election will be held on Oct. 22.

Incumbent Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey (left) speaks during an event at Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pat Fortini (right) on Aug. 26. (Submitted Photo)

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With only a week to go before the municipal election campaign kicks into high gear, numerous candidates have been making their rounds at various community events and meetings - and are of them are getting ready to take part in debates throughout the region in advance of voting on Oct. 22.

Incumbent councillors and MPs from across Mississauga and Brampton banded together to show their support for Interim Place's "Steps to End Violence Against Women" walk at JC Saddington Park on Aug. 26 (top), while in Caledon, mayoral candidate Barb Shaughnessy supported local food producers at the Inglewood Farmers' Market (left).

A variety of regional festivals kept candidates on their toes this week, including the third annual Japan Festival in Celebration Square (see photos - Pg. 28), Bethell Hospice's "Walk the Runway" fundraiser and fans cheering on the Brampton Excelsiors during their 2018 Minto Cup run.

Brampton Wards 3&4 Regional incumbent John Sanderson was on-hand to present medals at the OKD Field Hockey Tournament (bottom-centre), while Mississauga Ward 1 candidate showed his support during the annual Port Credit BuskerFest (bottom-left)

Bruce Marshall (lower-right) Regional Councillor candidate for Brampton Wards 7-8, also attended the town hall last Wednesday for Federal Member of Parliament Charlie Angus's proposed national strategy to reduce suicide. Suicide strikes particularly often in First Nations Communities.

The next edition of Peel Weekly News will be distributed on Thursday, Sep. 6. Keep watching for expanded election content, including candidate biographies, feature stories and much more!

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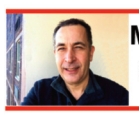
Opinion

Tories can laugh off Bernier's fledgling right-wing alternative at their peril



Marc Patrone
Columnist

There was a time in the early 1990s when the now defunct federal PC Party laughed off the fledgling reform movement as a bunch of disgruntled cowboys who wouldn't amount to anything.

When the Tories under Kim Campbell were reduced to two seats in the 1993 election, the only people laughing were the Liberals who knew they'd get a free ride facing fractured conservatives for the next decade and more.

Underestimating a group of determined people of strong conviction is never a good idea. Max Bernier is no dummy and didn't draw up his idea for a new right wing party on the back of a napkin the day he quit the Tories.

He has a core of disgruntled grassroots supporters in numbers that could make enough of a difference in key ridings and trouble the Tory brass more than they let on.

They share Bernier's concerns about Scheer being too similar to Justin Trudeau for their liking. Scheer may be a good and decent man, but polls suggest he has yet to truly generate much enthusiasm among Canadians despite Trudeau's unpopular policies.

He may be a nice guy, but where is the fire in Scheer's belly? Maybe his earnest, boyish, aw-shucks homespun charm will be enough to sweep him to power but maybe it won't given the political cutthroats and their media allies he's going up against.

No, your humble scribe is not saying this is a return to the 90s, or Bernier is going to be your next PM. I'm simply raising a note of caution for Conservative leader Andrew Scheer and company.

There could be a potential spoiler effect here, which the Liberals are praying Bernier brings to bear in next year's election. Trudeau can't win running on miserable policies like carbon taxes, exploding debt and open borders.

He'll need the opposition to implode or fracture. The Liberals will frame Scheer as weak, as inexperienced and thus not the kind of guy to go nose to nose with Donald Trump. Despite Trudeau's utter failure on the trade and energy files, the strategy could convince enough Canadians, Scheer isn't worth the risk.

The Conservative Party can dress this up anyway it likes, but the departure of Maxime Bernier is not good news for the growing number of Canadians who want Trudeau gone and want real conservatives to replace him, not someone perceived to be pandering to disenchanted liberals.

It's frankly hard to understand how the party leadership did not see this coming. If Bernier was in fact, encouraged to leave as part of a calculated strategy; a dog whistle to blue liberals looking for a place to park their vote in 2019, it is a big mistake. Those are fickle voters who can't be trusted to leave their party behind no matter how bad a job Trudeau is doing.

If Doug Ford's resounding victory proved anything, it is that conservatives can make a rock solid case for smaller government, and taxed-to-death Canadians will listen.

Ditch the consultants trying to push the party left. Watering down conservative principles while trying to cozy up to liberals is a fool's errand and will only alienate the party base.

It may well be, as prominent Conservative Party members suggest, Bernier will not get anywhere near the money and voter support he needs to launch a credible conservative alternative in 2019's election.

They've dismissed Bernier's departure as sour grapes stemming from his failed leadership bid. Bear in mind, however, these are not ordinary times. Look around you.

Bernier has seen what Donald Trump has done and could surprise some by riding a wave of populist support that has shaken establishment parties in countries from Hungary, to Italy to the U.S.A.

If a an outsider like Donald Trump can win the white house, if Britons can vote to leave the EU, if anti-migrant parties can come out of nowhere to win in Italy and across eastern Europe, then a populist conservative could make some noise in next year's election. Crazier things have happened.

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Study linking vaping to heart attack worth "looking at," says Damerla

by **Marco Patrone**

Ontario's health department should "look at" new findings linking daily use of e-cigarettes to a much higher risk of heart attack, says former Liberal Associate Health Minister Dipika Damerla.

"I would say to them (the Ford Government), keep looking at the data, looking at the new evidence. People now who are not smoking; what kind of policies can we come up with to discourage those who don't smoke and don't vape don't start," she told Peel Weekly News.

Vaping involves inhaling vaporized liquid nicotine instead of burned tobacco and has been touted as a safer option. Since the e-cigarette industry took off, vaping has been increasingly linked to health risks associated with inhaling toxic metals like lead.

The study by the University of California found the risk of heart attack is double for people who vape everyday compared with people who don't vape nor smoke.

It also found people who smoke conventional cigarettes as well as vaping (dual users) face nearly five times the risk of heart attack than people who don't smoke either.

"My issue when I was looking after this file," says Damerla, "was, how do you balance potential harm reduction with vaping because there is one side that will say it's better than cigarettes, vs the side that says people who don't vape or smoke and begin to vape because they think it's less harmful. How do you balance that?"

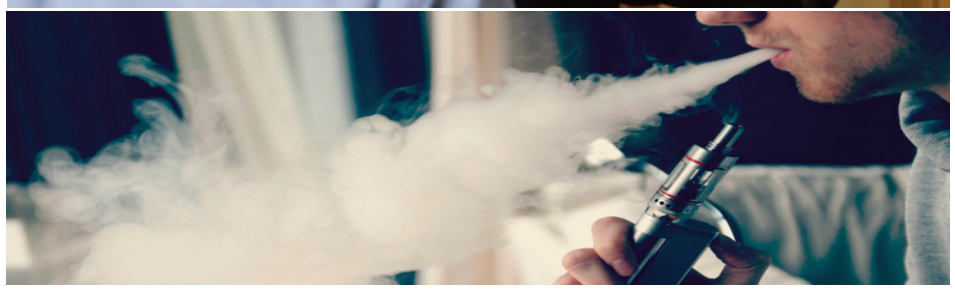
Ontario's Ministry of Health had no comment on the study and referred Peel Weekly News to Health Canada on matters related to the safety of e-cigarettes.

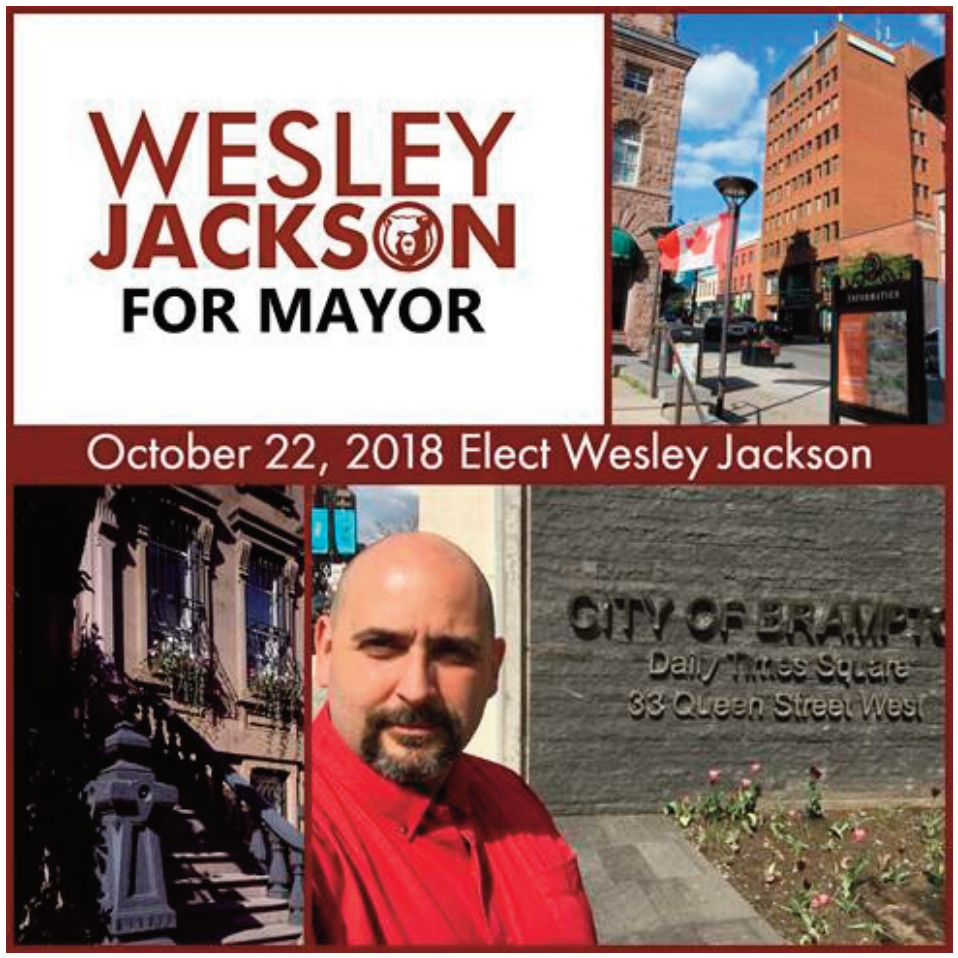
Damerla, who was involved in the regulating the sale of such products in Ontario, says just because it's legal to smoke e-cigarettes, doesn't make them ok.

"Just because it's legal, doesn't mean it's good for you. The evidence on e-cigarettes is still evolving. Increasingly the evidence suggests they are harmful. Keep that in mind in terms of policy."

As far as fresh data is concerned, the jury is still out on their impact on health. "As the research becomes more robust because these e-cigarettes are relatively new and there hasn't been a of longitudinal data, as we learn more, it's important for policy makers to keep that in mind. There's real time data evolving. My main concern is that younger people vaping because somehow they feel it's safer. That's where I'd want greater education. It may or may not be safer than smoking but that's not the bar you want to use if you're a young person. It's best not to do it at all."

Dipika Damerla (right) speaks to a resident earlier this year. (Submitted Photo)





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Analysis

Trump's trade ultimatum puts Trudeau in "take it or leave it" position, analysts say

Marc Patrone
Columnist

Fresh off his successful trade negotiations with Mexico, U.S. President Donald Trump vowed to jack up tariffs on Canadian auto exports unless PM Justin Trudeau levels the playing field for U.S poultry and dairy imports.

"One way or another we'll have a deal with Canada. It'll either be tariffs on cars or it'll be a negotiated deal and frankly a tariff on cars is much easier way to go," he said.

Canada has a tough choice ahead of it - either slash its protective trade subsidies on poultry and dairy products, or be hit with potentially devastating tariffs on U.S bound autos.

Mississauga Board of Trade CEO David Wojick says the PM must choose. "The PM must decide on disappointing dairy and poultry farmers or ruining the auto industry. Very tough decision," he told Peel Weekly News.

Wojick says Trump's approach to cutting deals has always been a one-to-one approach, not a multilateral one.

"It's been well documented that Trump prefers bi-lateral agreements, so striking a deal with Mexico and Canada separately does not surprise me. He may also be using this as leverage to get a better deal with Canada. It's also easier for him to deal with the US trade deficit with Mexico and the trade surplus with Canada, which according to reporting, he cannot wrap his mind around or chooses to ignore," Wojcik said.

In a news conference Monday, Trump said the NAFTA deal between the U.S, Canada and Mexico is over and will make way for new bilateral deals with both countries.

"I will terminate the existing deal and going into this deal and we'll start negotiating with Canada relatively soon. They want to negotiate very badly," he said.

Businessman and commentator Kevin O'Leary told CNBC, "Things started to go sideways for Canada right after the G-7. That was a bad meeting. The relationship between Trudeau and Trump is probably not a constructive one as a result of what occurred in those three days in Quebec City. After that we're no longer invited to the discussions around NAFTA and the Mexican negotiations."

"I can't see how this is good for Canada. Now they're being asked to take a deal that was negotiated particularly around automotive without them being at the table. It's going to be a discussion that goes like this, 'take it or leave it,'" O'Leary said.

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland released a statement saying, "Canada is encouraged by the continued optimism shown by our negotiating partners. Progress between Mexico and the United States is a necessary requirement for any renewed NAFTA agreement."

She then added, "We will only sign a new NAFTA that is good for Canada and good for the middle class Canada's signature is required."

Trump says the NAFTA deal has been superceded by the United States/Mexico Trade Agreement. It must be ratified by Congress to be put in effect.

"NAFTA has a bad connotation because the United States was hurt very badly by NAFTA for many years," Trump said.

The U.S trade deal with Mexico was good news for Canadian auto parts manufacturer Magna International, because it may have closed the 'backdoor' use of Chinese parts in Mexican autos bound for U.S markets.

As CNBC analyst Phil Lebeau noted Monday, the deal sparked a stock market rally in shares of Fiat Chrysler, GM and Magna, among other auto parts manufacturers.

"They are two biggest importers from plants in Mexico in the United States. There's a rally here that there's not going to be a massive 25 per cent tariff. Because of this agreement, it ends the backdoor some say was opened with Chinese and Asian parts suppliers moving parts into Mexico that were put in vehicles and eventually sent to the United States. This deal apparently, could close that door," Lebeau said.

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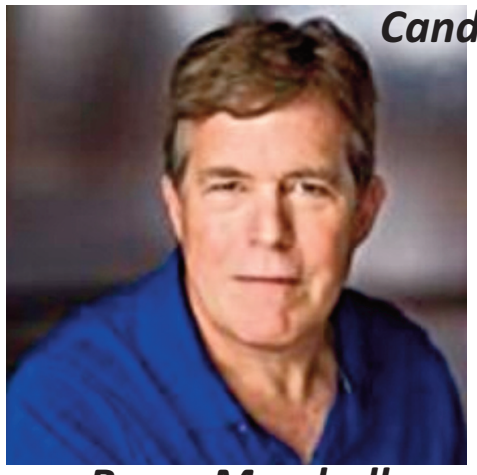

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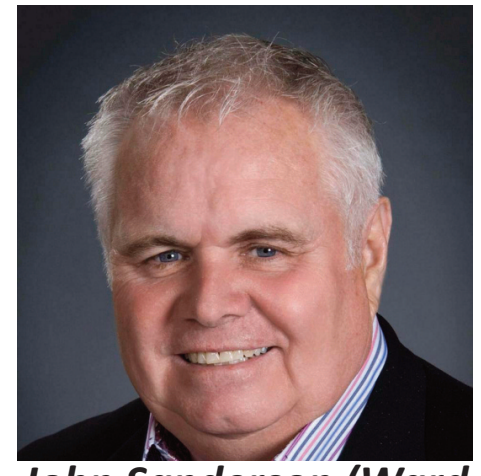

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Region announces reduction in childcare costs to help struggling parents

Families struggling to afford daycare services for their child will soon have a helping hand -- in the form of a cost reduction for childcare services.

The announcement, which was made this week by Peel Region, the province and the Ministry of Education, will reduce childcare fees by $6 per day of part-time care and $12 per day of full-day care for an estimated 12,100 children currently in licensed care.

The move, which was discussed earlier this year at Regional Council, will help support affordable childcare services for parents living in the region, as associated costs have risen substantially in recent years.

The announcement is the first time child care have been decreased system-wide, regional Early Years and Child Care Services director Suzanne Finn said Monday.

"This is an exciting opportunity for families ... it is part of our continued commitment to target affordability needs for all families in Peel," she said.

Reports submitted by Regional Council earlier this year show that the average family living in Peel with two young children spends approximately one-third (35 per cent) of their net income on childcare. Finn said that the region aims to reduce that number to 11 per cent of net household income on childcare.

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The fee reduction will be made available to families with children up to the age of four (including infants, toddlers and preschoolers not old enough to attend kindergarten).

Representatives from the region also say that they are currently looking at further affordability targets as part of the Early Years and Child Care Program and Services, which is planned to be officially released next year.

Parents looking to find out more information about childcare savings and fee plans can visit the Region's information page at peelregion.ca/2018fees.

Caledon launches "911" line for local farms

Farmers living in Caledon can now apply for a municipal number for any vacant farm field as a means to help first responders find an address in the case of an emergency.

The new program, which is part of the "Farm 911: The Emily Project" initiative that launched in 2017 in Eastern Ontario, was put forward by the Peel Federation of Agriculture, and will allow the Town to issue a municipal number at the request of the property owner.

The program is named after seven-year-old Emily Trudeau, who died in 2014 from a farming accident when first responders were not able to locate her in time, due to no municipal number on her family's farm.

"I encourage all farm field owners to apply for a municipal number," said Mayor Allan Thompson in a statement Monday. "If an emergency were to happen on your property, it's important for first responders to be able to locate you as quickly as possible."

For additional information on how to apply for a municipal number in Caledon, please visit caledon.ca/municipal-numbers.

Alectra announces provider for enterprise system plan

by **Alex Gregory**

The region's biggest energy provider, which services hundreds of thousands of people and businesses in Brampton and Mississauga, announced last week that it had selected the softwar provider for their new enterprise system plan.

Distribution system provider Survalent was announced by Alectra Utilities as the new supplier for their supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) solution.

In a statement, Alectra said the move to Survalent will support their strategic initiatives to help provide more technologically-advanced energy solutions to its customers, via simplified system maintenance and support.

"One of our priorities has been to streamline our control room operations by selecting a robust and powerful SCADA system that will allow us to reduce costs and recognize operational efficiencies to better serve our customers," said Alectra Utilities president Max Cananzi, who said Survalent's system is a "future-proof investment" that will allow them to offer safer and more reliable energy.

Alectra is Canada's biggest municipally owned utility, with about one million customers.

It was formed in early 2017 and was created after the government assets report by former TD Bank CEO Ed Clark urged the provincial Liberal government to help create bigger-scale utilities and sell a controlling stake in Hydro One.

The City of Mississauga has a $282-million stake in Alectra through its former ownership of 90 per cent of Enersource. Brampton sold its local utility to Hydro One more than a decade ago so it has no equity in Alectra.

The Hydro One stake in Brampton's local utility was sold by the province in the deal that created Alectra.

The cities of Hamilton, St. Catharines and Vaughn own other stakes in Alectra.

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Doorbell ringers deserve your vote

by **Fazal Khan**

Crime. Jobs. Gridlock. Taxes.

These are the buzzwords being used by Brampton candidates vying to represent you in the municipal election. Not much has changed in the past four years, if you think about it.

Last election, the number one issue was the perception of white collar crime at city hall. This time around, it is violent crime on our streets.

In the past four years, your city council changed how community groups are funded, got rid of the Arts Council and Brampton Safe City, fired the top bureaucrat at the city, hired a new one, who then fired staff and hired new staff.

City taxes are estimated to have gone up an estimated 28 per cent. That's worth repeating. *City taxes are estimated to have gone up an estimated 28 per cent.*

The city is still in court fighting the owner of the Big Blue House and a developer who thinks he was wronged by the tune of $28 million. There was the much-debated LRT debacle. And no champion rose to fight high auto insurance rates and insurance fraud with the province.

Instead, councillors were content to cut ribbons at gas station and coffee shop openings. Not one candidate at the municipal level has even mentioned auto insurance as an issue that is important to them.

On the bright side, the previous Liberal government and Ryerson University announced plans for a new university on the parking lot of the downtown GO Station.

However, until our new Premier hands over the money, this plan could still be buried. Or worse, a new council gets elected and decides they don't want provincial money if it means not having another chance to change the location of the campus.

As a voter, you should ask candidates for specifics on their plans. How will they reduce violent crime, while keeping taxes low (or frozen, as some have promised)?

How will they bring more high paying jobs and businesses to the city in the next four years? How will they make traffic flow better during rush hour? And what more will they do to improve a transit system that tops the country in ridership growth?

Vote for the candidate that shows up at your door and spends time to answer your questions. Anybody can record a YouTube video, or create a brochure and have it delivered.

It takes a committed hard-working person to show up at your door, ring your doorbell and ask for your vote.

BBOT hosts municipal and regional debates this fall

As the municipal election nears this October, a local board of trade will be hosting a series of debates for candidates to debate crucial issues for residents and businesses.

The Brampton Board of Trade (BBOT) will livestream a series of election debates on Sep. 17 and Oct. 1, with candidates from across the city in both municipal and regional ridings discussing key issues, with a maximum of five candidates per riding participating in the discussions.

A total of 76 candidates are currently running across the city, and the debates, which will run from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on both days, will focus on issues picked by BBOT members earlier this summer.

Both days will begin with the Wards 1 & 5 debate at 9 a.m., followed by Wards 2 & 6, Wards 3 & 4, Wards 7 & 8 and Wards 9 & 10. The Sep. 17 event will conclude with a Mayoral candidate debate that runs from 3:45 - 5 p.m.

The debates will be streamed on Facebook, and can be accessed by visiting the event website at www.bramptonbot.com/live.

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Recounting the benefits of fossil fuels

by **Duane Sharp**

While citizens of the world need to be mindful of the climate changes which are happening, it is important to recognize that the world has benefited significantly from the introduction of fossil fuels, and to acknowledge that fossil fuels will continue to be the primary sources of the world's energy, for the next two or more decades, according to analyses from energy agencies.

For example, the U. S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) foresees continued dominance for coal, gas and oil, and based on its latest projections, global carbon dioxide emissions from fossil-fuel based energy activities will rise from 36 billion metric tons in 2012, the baseline year used for the 2016 outlook, to 43 billion metric tons in 2040.

That's a 34 per cent increase in energy-related CO2, compared to a 48 per cent increase in overall energy consumption from 2010 - 2040, when EIA says the world will consume a record 815 quadrillion British thermal units (BTU) of energy.

Rapid economic growth in China, India, Indonesia, Brazil and other emerging countries, and continuing reliance on fossil fuels to support this growth, will drive global energy consumption to nearly double by 2040, according to new projections released yesterday by the Department of Energy.

At the same time, the growth in renewables in several countries, like China and the EU, will be a counter to the continued reliance on fossil fuels.

However, the associated rise in carbon emissions will not keep pace with overall energy consumption, thanks to a shifting global energy portfolio that relies less on coal for power generation and more on natural gas and renewable energy resources, both offering reduced emissions, according to the EIA's 2016 International Energy Outlook.

Some critics of EIA's methodology say the projections on global energy use and CO2 emissions failed to adequately account for major international policy initiatives, including the 2015 Paris Agreement and pledges by 192 U.N.-member countries to make sharp reductions in energy-sector greenhouse gas emissions, pledges which have ye to be implemented in many of the signatory countries.

Even in the aftermath of Paris, the EIA numbers suggest that growth and need for petroleum in transportation and industry is still going to be strong, and the report noted that it is still difficult to compete with the energy density of oil.

Among other things, the new report portends continued rising demand for natural gas, while acknowledging a sustained growth in wind, solar and nuclear energy production.

Renewables, led by wind and hydro power, are projected to be the fastest-growing energy resource over the next two decades, according to the EIA, expanding by 2.6 per cent annually through 2040.

Nuclear will also see solid growth, at 2.3 per cent annually, underscored by China's commitment to add 139 gigawatts of nuclear capacity to its grid by 2040. Natural gas, long the third-largest source of global energy behind oil and coal, will by 2030 become the world's second-largest resource as coal consumption plateaus with the onset of new international carbon regulations.

Despite these new regulations on carbon, which will mostly impact the use of coal, hundreds of coal plants are scheduled to be built over the next few years, although the forecasts of new coal plants to be built are moving targets, as financial institutions and organizations like the World Bank revise their energy project funding strategies which involve no longer funding new fossil-based projects, especially coal, but including new oil and gas pipelines and generating utilities which depend on coal or natural gas.

What is coal? Coal is a sedimentary rock from an accumulated, compacted and altered plant form.

Today, it is reviled as the worst producer of greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). It has always been a resource of great economic importance, and a rock of intense fascination to the student of earth history, even though it forms less than one per cent of the sedimentary rock record.

Consumption of oil and other forms of liquid petroleum is forecast to fall modestly over the next 24 years, from 33 per cent of total marketed energy consumption in 2012 to 30 per cent in 2040.

Oil will continue to be a primary fuel for the transport sector, as well as a key fuel for industrial uses in emerging countries, and coal will still be the primary source of energy in under-developed countries, where the energy infrastructure is not sufficiently developed to support other sources.

Energy experts cautioned against the idea that fossil fuels will become 20th-century energy anachronisms by the middle of the 21st century. In fact, fossil fuels will

still account for 78 percent of global energy use in 2040, even as the growth in non-fossil fuels exceeds that of oil, coal and gas. Weaning off an energy source which has hundreds of years of beneficial history, will not be an easy task.

"Abundant natural gas resources and robust production - including rising supplies of tight gas, shale gas, and coal-bed methane - contribute to the strong competitive position of natural gas," noted the EIA.

While considerably diminished from a decade ago, coal-fired power generation has not yet reached its peak, and is expected to grow by 0.6 per cent annually over the coming years and will account for between 28 and 29 per cent of global power generation by 2040, compared to 40 per cent in 2012, with many of the new coal-fired plants being built in under-developed countries, where coal can be used to generate electricity with less technology than required for renewables such as wind and solar power, and where there is no hydro-power and nuclear generation is not an option.

Natural gas and renewables, including hydro-power, are also expected to claim between 28 and 29 per cent of total global power generation by 2040, with the remainder coming from existing and new nuclear plants.

Among the world's three largest coal users - the United States, China and India - only India is projected to see an overall increase in coal consumption by 2040. China is expected to begin reducing its use of coal after 2025, while the United States has significantly reduce its coal use over the past decade.

In fact, by 2040, nearly two-thirds of all of the world's energy use will be in developing countries outside the 34-member OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development).

Among non- OECD members, Asian countries like China, India and Indonesia will account for 55 per cent of all new energy use through 2040, according to the EIA.

Over the years since the industrial revolution, the benefits of fossil fuels have been significant, along with the increased productivity generated by fossil fuels and the technologies used to harness them, has created the leisure time and wealth that enable everyone to enjoy evenings, weekends and holidays – and the fossil fuel transportation to move around the globe by various means of (fossil-fueled) transportation.

Aside from nuclear-powered ships, highly mechanized military forces get there "the fastest with the mostest" thanks to fossil fuels, to combat terrorism and to meet other challenges where military force is required.

In every area of society, fossil fuels have contributed to mankind's well-being and even survival. Medical devices, computers, cell phones, radios and televisions, kitchen appliances, household and office heating and air conditioning, millions of other products of every description require fossil fuels for their components, manufacturing and daily operation.

The schools and research laboratories that made our amazing technologies and other advancements possible are themselves made possible by fossil fuels.

The modern agricultural equipment and practices that feed the world share the same ancestry: tractor and harvester fuel, ammonia fertilizer from natural gas, pesticides and herbicides from petrochemicals.

Carbon dioxide (CO2) from burning these fuels helps crop, forage, forest and grassland plants grow faster and better, with less water and better resistance to droughts and diseases. Our bounteous grain and other crops mean fewer famines.

Moreover, carbon dioxide, an effluent of fossil fuels, feeds vegetation, and without this gas there would be no plants.

The undeniable benefits of fossil fuels vastly outweigh any hypothesized climate, sea level and other costs by literally orders of magnitude: at least 50:1 to as much as 200:1. Indeed, between 1961 and 2011, the total monetary value of CO2 enhancement for 45 crops reached an estimated cumulative value of $3.2 trillion!

Carbon dioxide's annual enrichment value rose from $19 billion in 1961 to $140 billion in 2010. Between 2012 and 2050, these benefits will total $9.8 trillion!

Pharmaceutical and cosmetic products all have their roots in petrochemicals – as do paints, synthetic fibers and plastics. Hockey and football players are dressed head to toe in fossil-fuel-sourced materials.

High-rise office and residential buildings made possible by steel and concrete allow our cities to grow upward, instead of just outward, preserving millions of acres of wildlife habitats and scenic areas.

Try to imagine life without electricity, a wondrous, pervasive energy source. Electricity was properly ranked humanity's second most significant innovation of the past 6,000 years, after the printing press!

It has created, shaped, defined and powered the modern world, and facilitated virtually every technological achievement of the past century. Electrification of nations is undeniably the world's most significant engineering and life-enhancing achievement of the past century.

Economic growth, quality of life and longevity are directly correlated to sufficient, reliable, affordable electricity. In today's world, nothing happens without it: communication, transportation and research, not to mention the Internet; the operation of every home, office, hospital, factory and airport; refrigeration to preserve food and medicine; heating and air conditioning to save lives and enable people to survive and prosper in any climate.

Electrification will be increasingly important in the 21st century, and world electricity consumption is forecast to double within four decades, as electricity supplies an increasing share of the world's ever-increasing energy demand.

How will most of this electrification be accomplished? Fossil fuels! Yes, fossil fuels will continue generating at least 75 per cent of global electrical power, even in 2050.

Hydroelectric and nuclear, and some geothermal, with a growing contribution of weather-determined, unreliable wind and solar power, will supply the rest.

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PEEL WEEKLY NEWS SPORTS

Brampton Comes Up Just Short in Minto Cup Tournament

by **Brendan Lang**

This year's Minto Cup championship finale started with a bang and ended with a sputter.

The Brampton Excelsiors headed into the final round of the tournament this past week in Calgary undefeated in their three round robin matchups.

First, they won a blowout game to the Okotoks 25-8, followed by a 15-3 second game that had them taking a commanding lead.

In game three of the round robin they played the Adanacs, who also headed into the matchup undefeated.

Brampton's eight goals with a man advantage powered them to their third win of the tournament and allowed them to directly advance to the Minto Cup final series.

The finals immediately got off to a controversial start, as star Excelsiors scorer Jeff Teat was handed a three-game suspension at the end of the best-of-five opening match, which saw Coquitlam pull slightly ahead to clinch a 11-9 win.

Following a reversal of Jeff Teat's suspension just prior to game two, the Excelsiors looked to turn their fortunes around, but their red hot offense stalled for a moment as they had a hard time generating goals, which resulted in a close 8-6 loss.

With the Minto Cup just one win away for Coquitlam, Brampton was in a must-win scenario and that's exactly what they did.

The Excelsiors' offense heated back up, scoring 12 times en route to a 12-8 victory. Game four was another must-win for Brampton. The game was tight throughout and a winner could not be determined in regulation time, so the game headed to overtime.

Coquitlam would come out on top in overtime by a score of 10-8, crushing the Excelsiors' Minto Cup aspirations.

Over the course of the Cup, the Excelsiors had three players in the top five of tournament scoring, with Clarke Petterson in first place with 43 points, followed by Jeff Teat and Jake Boudreau, who ranked in the top five placing second and fifth, respectively.

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Bigger and bolder artist lineup hits P.C. during Arts on the Credit

Arts on The Credit will return to south Mississauga this fall with an even bigger selection of artists and works during its annual tour.

The event, which takes place on the Sep. 22 - 23 weekend, will see art lovers from across the city descending on Port Credit to see paintings, photography and three-dimensional works crafted by local artisans in the community, presented at various locations along Lakeshore Road.

Admission is free for the event, which is designed to be walkable and accessible with thousands of art-related gifts and pieces available on-sale for visitors to purchase

Arts on the Credit is very different from other art tours, says founder and organizer Marie Payne.

"The whole Port Credit business community gets involved and local artists are hosted by generous shop owners along Lakeshore Road," Payne said during an interview earlier this week, pointing out how the tour is walkable and accessible at all locations.

The tour participants are selected by a board that carefully juries and selects quality work, attracting participation from both local and GTA artists who will be available to chat and explain the stories behind their creations.

There are also several restaurants to visit along the route, "making it a complete experience of original art, fabulous food and refreshments, and live music at some locations," Payne.

Visitors can also pick up a "tour passport" to see a physical map of all artists locations and "check-in" to the various sites. Participants who complete their passport are also eligible to win one of several draw prizes.

For more information on participating artists and a map of the tour, visit the event website at artsonthecredit.ca/arts-on-the-credit-tour.

Trépanier added as new star on Caledon Walk of Fame

A local artist will soon see his name added to a prestigious group of stars on one of Caledon's most prestigious trails.

This week, Cory Trépanier was announced as the newest member of Caledon's Walk of Fame, joining such famous personalities (and residents) as Farley Mowat, Norman Jewison and Conn Smythe, among many others, on the special path located on the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park near Airport Road.

Trépanier, a graduate of Humberview Secondary School, is renowned for his illustrated works focusing on Canadian landscapes, along with art submissions to many notable publications throughout the work and collaborations with numerous conservation agencies, including the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

He had his start in Caledon in 1997, and has since been recognized as a Champion of the Great Trail within the Trans-Canada Trail.

"Caledon has been my home for over 35 years, and I'm most honoured to have my name be included alongside this illustrious group of individuals." Trépanier said earlier this week.

"Being recognized at Canada's very first pavilion on the trail itself makes this occasion even more meaningful."

Mayor Allan Thompson also congratulated Trépanier for making his home in Caledon, and looked forward to the ceremony.

"We are very proud as a community to honour and celebrate the international success he has achieved," Thompson said.

An induction ceremony is planned for Saturday, Sep. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park, which will also coincide with the reveal of new signage and paneling along the trail.

Parking for the induction ceremony is available on Airport Road, Emma Street, Town Hall or the Caledon East Community Complex (a five-minute walk along the Caledon Trailway).

Local artist hosts book launch at Central Library

An examination of the "vibrant female force in human element" will be explored in a new book of poetry, set to debut next month at Mississauga Central Library.

Local author Meena Chopra's work, "She: The Restless Streak" will launch with a presentation and thematic art show at the library on Saturdau, Sep. 22 from 1:45 - 4 p.m. on the third floor of the library.

Described as having "a unique ethereal quality", Chopra's work will dive into abstract female energy and metaphors that combine the human body with surreal depictions of the human eye.

Admission is free for the event. For more information, visit the event website on Facebook at www.facebook.com/events/205179256836573.

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Brampton group spurs youth support with local walk

by **Alex Gregory**

A non-profit organization in Brampton that works to get youth off the streets will "step up" their efforts next month with a fundraising walk throughout the community.

The inaugural Walk in My Shoes event, which takes place on Saturday, Sep. 22 at Chinguacousy Park, will bring together community advocates and local residents to address the growing youth homelessness problem in Peel with a 5k walk to raise money for programs and services benefitting a long-term of providing transitional housing.

The walk was organized by the Restoration and Empowerment for Social Transition (R.E.S.T.) Centre, which formed in 2015, and whose mandate is to reduce the rate of homelessness among youths leaving foster care.

"(We want to provide) solutions to help keep youth off the streets, reduce crime and violence, increase the rates of literacy and employment and improve the overall mental health of youth," said the centre's executive director, Dagma Koyi, earlier this week.

Participants in the walk will take part in an experiential journey will they will learn front-line knowledge on youth homelessness, and gain first-hand experience on the barriers and limitations that target these youth.

Funds raised through pledges and sponsorship will support the Bridge of Hope program, a partnership between the centre and community members that aids in housing solutions for youth who want to live independently.

The Bridge for Hope program will help instill training and mentorship for youths as well, said Koyi.

"This is an opportunity for everyone who is concerned about youth and homelessness to come together and make a difference," she said.

Speaking this year at the event will be Carlos McDonald, a former youth in care turned provincial youth advocate leader, recognized by the office of the provincial advocate for children and youth.

McDonald will share first-hand the struggles and the need to provide support services for youth transitioning from government care to adulthood.

Participants in the walk are asked to raise funds and pledges for the event, which is set to kick off at 10:30 a.m. in the park. The event will conclude with a barbecue and keynote speeches.

For more information or to download a pledge form, visit the event website at www.restcentres.org/walk-in-my-shoes-2018.

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Art in the Park brings nature and creativity to the heart of the city

by **Alex Gregory**

Art and nature will be celebrated in the heart of the city during the 28th annual Art in the Park, hosted by Visual Arts Mississauga, on Sunday, Sept. 16.

The art group's signature event, which takes place at the Riverwood Conservancy, features over 40 artists, live entertainment, activities, food and much more.

More than 45 artists and artisans will be appearing at the annual event, and will be selling their original works, which include paintings, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, clothing and more.

New this year is a free Art-Making Activity class. Participants of all ages are asked to bring recycled or new t-shirts and try their hand at print making. This activity will be guided by instructors from VAM.

Art in the Park will also include a emerging artist showcase, via a Youth Art Installation.

The program is a platform for contemporary youth artists to share their work with the community, and will be hosted at the historic MacEwan House. Featuring upcoming artists like Ashly Batista, the installation is sure to be a favored destination for visitors during the event.

Visual Arts Mississauga is looking forward to welcoming guests to experience the full range of what the city's artists can create, explained VAM executive director Annis Karpenko.

"We have a stellar roster of painters, jewellery makers, potters, photographers, fibre artists, metal and wood workers from the Peel Region and beyond," she said.

"Come be inspired, hear beautiful music, have some food and wander around the magnificent MacEwan Terrace Garden!"

The event will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Riverwood, located at 4170 Riverwood Park Lane in Mississauga. Admission is free.

Additional parking is available at the Erindale GO Station on Rathburn Rd. W. at Creditview Rd.

For more information, call VAM at 905-277-4313 or visit www.visualartsmississauga.com.

PDSB director responds to sex ed reform questions

As we head into next year, I know that some of you may be wondering about the province's recent announcement regarding changes to the elementary Health and Physical Education (HPE) curriculum, and upcoming Consultation into Education Reform. I wanted to provide you with this information before the start of the school year.

First, secondary teachers will continue to teach the 2015 secondary HPE curriculum. No changes were made.

Second, in the coming days, Curriculum & Instruction Support Services will send a memo to schools that clarifies elementary HPE curriculum expectations, and provides an analysis of the re-issued elementary HPE curriculum and the 2015 curriculum. Staff are reviewing the curriculum through a human rights lens.

It appears that the main difference between the two curricula is the Human Growth and Development section. Comprehensive resources and lesson plans for this section will follow later—they are being prepared centrally. The resources will reinforce the board's ongoing commitment to the well-being, safety and success of all students.

At this time, we ask that educators not teach this section until lesson plans are available. With respect to topics related to identity and covered under the Ontario Human Rights Code, as always, we encourage teachers to embed this work in all curricular areas and to refer to The Future We Want document as a support.

We must continue to be guided by our moral obligation to ensure all students feel safe and included in our school communities. We have a responsibility, under the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Education Act and the board's policies and procedures. I have every confidence that Peel educators will deliver the provided curriculum in ways that align with ministry direction and human rights legislation, while creating learning spaces that are safe, inclusive and focused on student success and well-being.

As you head into a new school year, I know you will continue to be guided by an unwavering commitment to equity, inclusion and student success. Thank you for the inspiring work you do for Peel students. You are valued and appreciated.

- Peter Joshua

Fall exhibitions offered up at AGM this September

Next month, the Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM) will welcome two new exhibitions: *shift CTRL*, a new display created by local artist Anu Radha Verma, and Bonnie Devine's *Circles and Lines: Michi Saagig*, tracking the history of local rivers and guest-curated by Raven Davis.

(Exhibitions)

Circles and Lines: Michi Saagig (Sep. 6 – Dec. 21, 2018)

Opening Reception and Artist Talk: Thursday, Sep. 6, 6 - 9 p.m.

In this project, Bonnie Devine uses various media and mapping strategies to explore the complex colonial histories of the north shores of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, which include the cities of Mississauga and Toronto and the traditional territories of the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga) and the Haudenosaunee (Six Nations of the Grand River).

Focusing on the interest, aesthetics and contrast of interpretations represented by these two simple forms, *Circles and Lines: Michi Saagig* visually narrates how these differing approaches resulted in massive land losses in the homelands of the Michi Saagig.

shift CTRL (Sep. 6 – Dec. 21, 2018)

Opening Reception and Artist Talk: Thursday, Sep. 6, 6 - 9 p.m.

Gallery spaces are often conceived of as separate(d) from communities, requiring community members to cross a threshold to enter, engage and be included.

shift CTRL is a search for the liminal space, not simply inviting people in, but recognizing the ways in which the institution is always a part of community.

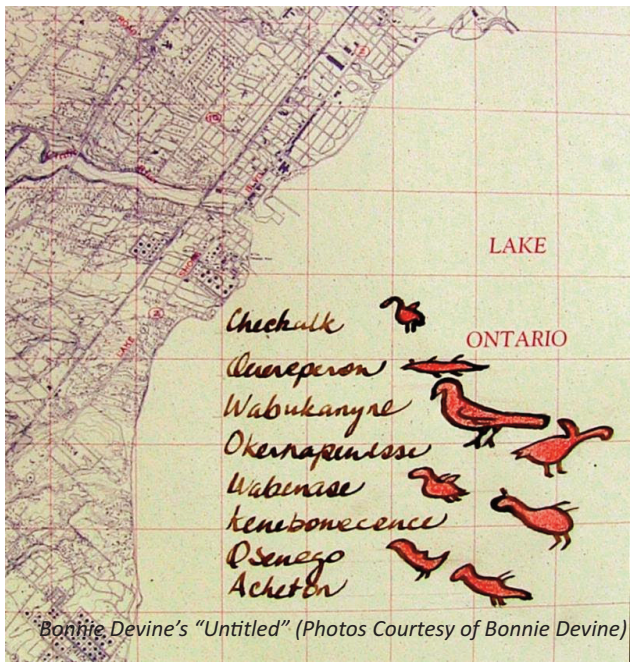
Over three months, the XIT-RM Emerging Artist Project Space will be transformed into a multi-use space for *shift CTRL*, with three distinct components that ask questions, celebrate community and challenge barriers.

These include "Responding to the city we are in: engagement hub on art, politics and belonging" (Sep. 6 - 30), "Community collaborations: short-run exhibitions with local groups committed to social change" (Oct. 1 - 31) and "B(l)ackspace: Kadeem Dunn's playable showcase examines the past/present of Blacks in gaming" (Nov. 1 - Dec. 21).

The AGM, located in Mississauga City Hall (300 City Centre Drive) provides platforms for exhibitions, collections and experimentation in contemporary culture with a recent focus on artists and cultural producers from Indigenous, newcomer and youth communities.

Through a broad range of educational programs, artist projects and other forms of critical dialogue, the AGM seeks to provide spaces where alternative modes of thought are supported and activated in tangible ways.

For more information, visit www.artgalleryofmississauga.com.



Bonnie Devine's "Untitled" (Photos Courtesy of Bonnie Devine)

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New pedestrian crossways to be installed throughout Caledon

A series of pedestrian crossways, approved earlier this year by Peel Regional Council, will soon be installed at intersections throughout Caledon next month.

The project, which has already seen two crossways constructed at the Old Church Road/Marilyn Street intersection and the Highway 50/Caledon Trailway crossing in Palgrave, was approved in April and has been approved for use throughout the province to keep local residents safe.

"We welcome the opportunity to explore new ways to improve pedestrian safety in Caledon," Ward 2 Regional Councillor Johanna Downey said earlier this week.

Two new crossovers will be constructed next month, including one in the Southfields community (at Twistleton Street) and one at the Benadir/Learmont crossing.

The Southfields crossway is particularly important, said Downey, because it will serve a new community with active residents.

"It only makes sense to install the new crossovers in this part of Caledon, with hopefully more to come throughout the rest of the Town," she explained.

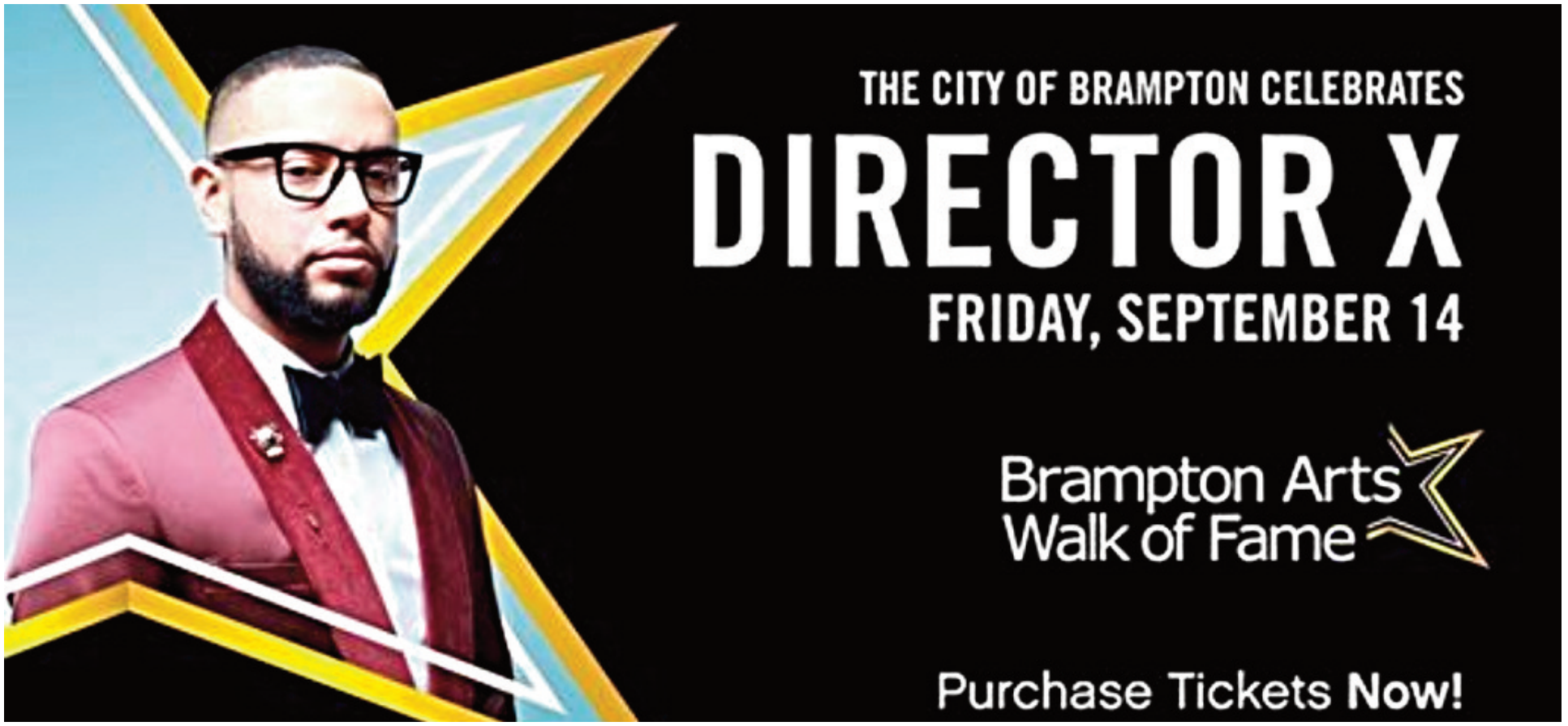
Pedestrian crossovers are commonly located in the middle of a street or at an intersection that does not have traffic lights.

These crossovers are identified with signs on both sides of the road and may be accompanied by flashing lights overhead.

By law, drivers, cyclists and other motorists are required to stop at the white triangles located prior to the crossover and wait for pedestrians to cross the full length of the roadway.

Failure to comply with this law can result in a fine of up to $1000 and four demerit points, starting this weekend, according to the Ministry of Transportation.

For more information on pedestrian crossovers visit caledon.ca/pedestrian-crossovers.



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